

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

Northern District of California

Oakland Division

SILGAN CONTAINERS,

No. C 09-05971 RS (LB)

Plaintiff,

v.

**NOTICE OF REFERRAL AND
ORDER RE DISCOVERY
PROCEDURES**

NATIONAL UNION FIRE INS., *et al.*,

Defendants.

TO ALL PARTIES AND COUNSEL OF RECORD:

The district court has referred Defendant's Motion for Protective Order and Plaintiff's Motion to Compel, electronically filed on October 26, 2010, which are discovery matters, to United States Magistrate Judge Laurel Beeler. The motions were noticed for December 2, 2010 and December 16, 2010, respectively.

The Court **VACATES** the current hearing dates and **DENIES** the pending discovery motions without prejudice and directs the parties to comply with the procedures for addressing discovery disputes set forth in Judge Beeler's standing order (attached). Those procedures require, among other things, that if a meet-and-confer by other means does not resolve the parties' dispute, lead counsel for the parties must meet and confer **in person**. If that procedure does not resolve the disagreement, the parties must file a joint letter instead of a formal motion. After reviewing the joint

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1 letter, the Court will evaluate whether further proceedings are necessary, including any further
2 briefing or argument.

3 **IT IS SO ORDERED.**

4 Dated: November 3, 2010



LAUREL BEELER
United States Magistrate Judge